

TALK OFF TO TALK  
PRECEDES NEW PLAN

Constituents' Complaints Are Passed on by Congressmen.

## PERKINS TELLS OF FEARS

Apprehensive That Revision Will Be Upward When Enacted.

## OHIO PATRONAGE CONSIDERED

Dick and Burton Come Together to White House to Discuss Political Appointments.

President Taft is hearing some plain talk about the unpleasant political possibilities that may grow out of the work of Congress in connection with the revision of the tariff.

This sort of talk has been going on at the White House for several days, and is due for repetition during the next week. It is based upon the assumption that the republican leaders of the House are to grant opportunities for a vote in the House on lumber, hides, iron ore and a few other schedules for the purpose of allowing an increase in duties on these things.

## Perkins Hears From Home.

Representative Perkins of New York led the procession of the pessimistically inclined today. He told the President that he was hearing from his district.

"When the bill was first reported," he said today, "I received comparatively few protests from consumers as to the schedules on hides, lumber, etc., agreed upon by the ways and means committee. Since the talk that the rules will be amended so as to permit changes in the bill I am receiving hundreds of letters protesting against a possible increase in the duties on these things.

"The letters also include protests against the increase in duties on gloves. The writers are of the opinion that the Dingley rate on gloves was amply sufficient to protect the American glove manufacturer and say that it would be an outrage to make them pay more for the gloves than they do now.

Mr. Perkins told the President that he feared a serious political mistake would be made by the republicans if the decreases in schedules are eventually turned into increases, such as seems to be feared by people throughout the country. The people, he said, would regard the whole thing as an evasion of the tariff promises and would take their feelings out of the party.

Other congressmen are talking in a strain similar to that of Representative Perkins, but there is naturally no unanimity on the question. What one district favors another opposes.

Representative Vreeland of New York, who talked tariff with the President today, is advocating the abolition of the proposed countervailing duty on petroleum and the substitution of an ad valorem duty. Independent oil producers say that an ad valorem duty would protect them against Mexican oil, which would be a serious menace under a countervailing duty.

## Dick and Burton Work Together.

That President Taft has let his leaders understand that he will not stand for any knifing of Senator Dick for standing by Senator Borah last year, and that he expects to treat Senator Dick just as he does Senator Burton, is shown in the visit to the President today of both these senators.

They introduced to the President George Macfarland, speaker of the Ohio lower house, and Frank W. Miffland, prominent in politics in Toledo. The appointment of a speaker of the Ohio lower house, and a member of the Ohio senate, was taken up with the President and discussed for a long time.

There is trouble at both places. The President desires harmonious action if possible.

At Sandusky Postmaster Melville has for four years been endeavoring to stand such a good chance of getting another. There are charges against him and it is said that Ohio senators favor George C. Schipple for the place.

## Judgeship in Oregon.

Representatives Ellis and Hawley were in consultation a long time today with President Taft about the federal judgeship in Oregon. Congress created a new judicial district in that state, and there is a warm fight over who shall fill the position.

Representatives Ellis and Hawley have advocated ex-Senator Fulton, and are urging him for the place. The President is said to desire to make Mr. Fulton judge, but the fight against the ex-senator is pretty strong, growing out of the old animosities of the Mitchell prosecution and factional troubles.

The President has reached no decision as to what he will do, but will let the matter drift along for a while.

## Gift of Silver Golf Stick.

President Taft today received a golf stick from a New York admirer. It is a small driver, but is said to be solid silver. The presentation was made by Representative Gooden on behalf of Wolf Wumblick, one of his constituents. The stick bears the name of the President on the head.

Judge Norman S. Dike, well known on the New York bench, called to see the President. The crowd was so large in the White House that he could not get in. "I just wanted to tell the President that I had made the long hole in 5 yesterday," said the New York jurist. "This is considered par golf. I have been in Washington several days and was playing yesterday on the Chevy Chase course."

Representative Smith (Mich.) Introduced to the President today Mr. James A. Leroy of Pontiac, Mich. Mr. Leroy's husband, who died recently in New Mexico, came from consumption contracted in the Philippines, was private secretary to Mr. Taft in the Philippines.

Mrs. Leroy taught the Taft children when they were young. President Taft intends to find a position for her in the government service at Washington.

Robert N. Eslick, the millionaire pork packer at Wheeling, who is anxious to come to the United States Senate from the state, was a White House visitor today.

Both Relieved of Murder Charge.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Col., April 3.—Paul S. Eslick, son of the late Charles Eslick, the aged clerk of the Woodmen of the World, who is supposed to have been murdered for his money, was yesterday dismissed, together with R. E. Piper, his brother-in-law, the evidence at the preliminary hearing failing to support the charge that they killed Eslick.

Col. Cosby Arranges for Potomac Park Concerts.

Offer to Clean City Parkings Pleases Officials.

COVERED BANDSTAND SOON

Music at White House and Capitol to Continue.

USE OF SANDSTONE COLUMNS

Move to Establish an Esplanade Meets With Popular Favor—What Commissioners Say.

The duty of arranging for the proposed concerts on the speedway has been entrusted to Col. Cosby, the officer in charge of public buildings and grounds. He has already prepared plans for the erection of a frame octagonal covered bandstand to be placed in the oval near the new bridge over the inlet to the tidal basin, and expects to have it in position in time for the first concert the 14th instant. In answer to an inquiry today Col. Cosby said there is no intention of interfering with the regular summer concerts of the Marine Band at the Capitol and White House grounds, which usually begin about June 1. The concerts to be given on the Potomac Park this spring are supplementary to the summer concerts, so that instead of being deprived of the concerts they have been accustomed to in the summer, the Washington public will have additional music.

"We are going to try these concerts on Potomac Park twice a week for the present," Col. Cosby said. "If they prove successful we shall keep them up a little longer. The matter of the regular summer concerts has not yet been taken up, and anyhow they do not begin before the 1st of June. The present plan is to have the Marine Band give concerts Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, beginning at 5 o'clock, on the oval near the inlet bridge. A polo field has already been laid out on the ellipse in the vicinity, and the bandstand will be put up as soon as possible."

Use of Sandstone Columns.

Col. Cosby was asked if it was intended to utilize the sandstone columns taken from the Treasury Department for the ornamentation of Potomac Park, and he said that nothing had been settled in that respect. He added that the action of Congress would be required to carry out a more extensive scheme of improving Potomac Park than is possible with available funds. It is his belief that the bridge across the inlet to the tidal basin would be opened for travel in a couple of months.

The plan to establish an esplanade in the park, as announced at the White House yesterday, has been received with approval by the public. Travelers from the District to foreign lands have often been heard to express regret at the lack of such a spot in Washington, for there is hardly a capital in Europe which has not some such place where the fine weather can be thoroughly enjoyed by every one. London has Hyde Park, Paris has the Bois de Boulogne and Manila its Luneta, but Washington has never had anything of the sort.

Beauty and Attractiveness.

When the arrangements are completed the speedway is expected to present an appearance of beauty and attractiveness that will insure its popularity. Already it has become the most used driveway in Washington, and when the band concerts become regular features of Washington's spring and summer life the speedway will become a veritable social mecca.

There every afternoon will be seen riding along the speedway in Washington most distinguished citizens, public officials and visitors. The location of the band stand will be in one of the most beautiful spots in the city, where one can walk to it, and the possession of an automobile, a carriage or a riding horse will be a great advantage in enjoying the afternoon promenade.

What Commissioners Say.

At the District building the idea, which originated with Mrs. Taft, is heartily approved.

"It seems an admirable plan to add to the attractions of Washington," Commissioner Macfarland said. "I shall be very glad to see Potomac Park utilized in every possible way, for it is one of the most beautiful parts of our park system, and yet many of our citizens have never seen it."

SUNDROP WINS RACE.

Sol Joel's Two-Year-Old Captures Osmaston Plate.

DERBY, England, April 3.—The race for the Osmaston plate, 200 sovereigns, for two-year-olds, four furlongs, was run today and was won by Sol Joel's Sundrop. J. Byrne's Tipperit was second. The betting was 7 to 4 against Sundrop and 5 to 1 against Tipperit. Seven other horses finished, and the race was a very close one.

GEN. KERR TO RETIRE.

Commandant at Fort Riley Will Close Forty Years' Service.

Brig. Gen. John B. Kerr, commandant of the 1st Cavalry at Fort Riley, Kan., will be placed on the retired list on the 15th instant on his own application after nearly forty years' service. No one has yet been selected to succeed him in command at Fort Riley. Gen. Kerr is from Kentucky and was graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1870.

Up to the time of his brigade appointment in April, 1906, practically his entire service had been in the cavalry arm. He was considered a very capable officer and was awarded a medal of honor for distinguished bravery in action against hostile Sioux Indians on the White river, S. D., in 1891.

Gen. Shaffer's expedition to Cuba during the Spanish war and was wounded in the assault on San Juan ridge, July 1, 1898. He subsequently served at the Paris exposition, as military attaché of the United States embassy at Berlin and command of the 12th Cavalry at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. Since his promotion to brigade rank he has had command at Fort Riley.

Coffee Warehouses Burn in Mexico.

OAXACA, Mexico, April 3.—Three large coffee warehouses belonging to Rosalino Sanchez were destroyed by fire yesterday, causing a loss approximating \$100,000. The storehouses were filled with sacked coffee.

WELCOME ADIES AND HER TROUBLES END IN DEATH

MRS. E. G. CAREY TOOK POISON TWO WEEKS AGO.

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It is understood that there is work enough on hand to warrant the re-employment of the men, but this same source of information asserts that to do so would be to rob Peter to pay Paul. The reinstatement of the men, it is said, would mean the dismissal of more than double the number a few months hence.

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An official of the central body said today:

"We have not been asked to interfere in any way in this matter, and, of course, we will do nothing until the proper time comes, if at all. We recognize the principle of trade autonomy which allows each body to fight its own battles. Columbia Naval Lodge has always been a strong organization, and I believe it has the matter in hand as completely as can be. As for the plans that have been made by the government, I am unable to do anything more than guess what the lodge has done or what it is doing. All I can say is that the organization might influence the proper people to furnish the yard with work enough for all hands."

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Absolute confidence in the conviction of Downs on charges of the larceny of thousands of dollars from the office of the city register was today expressed by State's Attorney Owens. Instead of relying on evidence of a negative nature, he said, it is the state's purpose to produce positive proof of Downs' guilt. The defense anticipates proof by elimination, while the state will pursue an aggressive course and will bring forth positive evidence.

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"These slips," Mr. Owens explained, "were prepared by Downs, so he cannot allege any wrong doing or error on the part of another person in making out the deposits. Thus the fact is established that he signed the deposit slips, and money figured out by himself and we shall further prove that he failed in certain instances to deposit such amounts."

In brief, the state proposes to prove that the moneys were stolen in transit between the city hall and the banks, and that Downs was the person who took it.

Comment on the course of the police department in taking only perfunctory action in the Downs case is heard. Register Thomas is said to feel keenly the alleged neglect to warn him of any extravagances on the part of Downs.

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A long-felt want among the active business men of Washington will be realized with the establishment of the Commercial Club of Washington. Arrangements for the organization of which were made last night at a preliminary meeting held at the Raleigh Hotel.

Another meeting will be held within a week or ten days, at which the organization will be perfected, quarters will be decided upon, subscriptions collected and the club put upon a solid basis.

Many of the most prominent business men in Washington are behind the movement. They are prepared to subscribe liberally, for they feel that if they are to have a club it must be a good one. The quarters will be furnished in the best of style and are expected to be the daily rendezvous for the active business men of Washington.

A high-class kitchen will be established, and the lunches served from it will be the equal of the best hotels and cafes in the city.

Officers Chosen.

At last night's meeting Edward C. Graham was made president of the club, D. S. Porter secretary and Julius Garfinkle treasurer. They are permanent officers and will serve for one year. The board of directors and other officers are yet to be selected.

Temporary committees were appointed to look after the various phases of the work of organization. At a later meeting permanent committees of machinery and minor officers will be chosen.

Chapin Brown, as chairman of the committee on incorporation and by-laws, is engaged in the preparation of a constitution, which will be submitted at the next meeting. Ralph W. Lee is chairman of the committee on membership.

John J. Weaver, the chairman of the committee on home, has looked over the field and will recommend the purchase of a building in the city. The house will be rented or arrangements will be made with one of the larger hotels of the city for a suite of rooms.

It is probable that the latter plan will be put into effect for awhile at any rate.

Commercial clubs in many cities have found the hotel plan to be the best suited to their needs. By having a hotel in the center of the city, the club can be the better of running a club kitchen is done away with, as are also many irritating details.

"Move in Right Direction."

"Progress so far has been eminently satisfactory," said John J. Weaver in discussing the outlook for the club, "and we feel confident that we are making a move in the right direction. It is planned to limit the membership to 200, although nothing definite in that regard has been decided upon yet."

"Every business man knows the value of a meeting place for business men such as a commercial club offers. One can entertain his guests there, and he can be sure that the other party to such a club will be the fact that business men can find each other easily."

"I am sure that with a Washington business man and an unable to locate him at his office, the chances are that I know where he takes his lunch and can catch him there at his very hour. In a hotel a good lunch at our club, which will be patronized every day by club members, we will be able to give them every day and save a great deal of time."

No Expense to Be Spared.

"We intend to spare no expense in fitting out our quarters. When they are completed they will present an appearance that will make a Washington business man proud to take his friends to his club."

While the Commercial Club will be purely social, it is not to be a social club. It is interested in the organization think it will be a great aid to business as well. Members may gather there and discuss important matters of current interest to them.

The dominating force of the organization will be the active, energetic business men of the city.

RESISTANCE OF SERVICE.

Collateral Forfeited on Charge of Assaulting an Officer.

Edmund W. Ostrander, said to be a bartender living at 1614 3d street, failed to appear in the Police Court today to stand trial upon charges of assaulting a policeman and disorderly conduct and forfeited \$15 collateral.

According to the authorities a warrant had been issued for Ostrander charging him with disorderly conduct. This was given to Policemen Dalhouse and Garrett of the eighth precinct to serve yesterday afternoon when they attempted to perform their duty. It is asserted that Ostrander made a vigorous resistance and was with difficulty subdued and taken to the station house.

Policemen Dalhouse, who preferred the assault charge, appeared in court today with a much bruised hand and wrist as a result of the encounter.

Fisherman Demands a Jury Trial.

George Washington, a negro, living in South Washington, the second illegal fishing defendant to appear in the Police Court this spring, was arraigned before Judge Mulwony of the Police Court today. The man entered a plea of not guilty and demanded a trial by jury. Pending the trial the man's \$100 collateral was remanded to jail.

Washington's arrest was due to a statement made in court a day or so ago by a fisherman that he had seen the defendant in illegal bass fishing along the Eastern branch in the early part of the week. Policemen from the harbor precinct made the arrest.

Celebrates Birthday Anniversary.

Archie Cole celebrated his thirty-second birthday anniversary last evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew B. Brown, 517 New Jersey avenue. Among the guests present were Mr. and Mrs. J. Arthur Cumler, Hinton, W. Va.; Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hughes and Albert Dwyer, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Carrie Fisher and daughter and Mrs. Mildred Lee, Orange, Va.; J. C. Allen and Thomas Starnes, Atlantic City, N. J.; George S. Davis, Warrenton, Va.; James Coleman and Arthur Robbins, Chicago, Ill.; Miss Marcella Fisher, Pittsburgh, Pa.; and Harry P. Honesty and William H. Jones of this city.

Following the entertainment program refreshments were served.

Speaker's Prompter Absent.

For the third time in twenty years Parliamentarian Asher Hinds was absent yesterday from his post at Speaker Cannon's elbow. Mr. Hinds has gone to his home in Maine to look after his congressional campaign.

One of Mr. Hinds' two previous absences was due to sickness. On the other occasion he attended a funeral.

John Jeffrey Woodruff of Orange county, Va., and Miss Elaine Dupont Irving of Irvington-on-the-Hudson, N. Y., were married a few days ago at Irvington.

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